

REMARKS

The indicated allowability of claims 48-51 is gratefully acknowledged. New independent claim 61 and its dependent claims 62-64 correspond to allowable claims 48-51 and are now in condition for allowance.

The indicated allowability of claims 57-60 is likewise appreciated. New independent claim 65 and its dependent claims 66-68 correspond to allowable claims 57-60 and are now in condition for allowance.

The excess claims fee of \$84.00 for one extra independent claim is enclosed.

At issue are claims 43-44 and 52-53. Reconsideration of the anticipation rejection is respectfully requested.

Petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to July 30, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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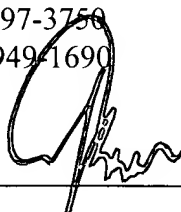
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